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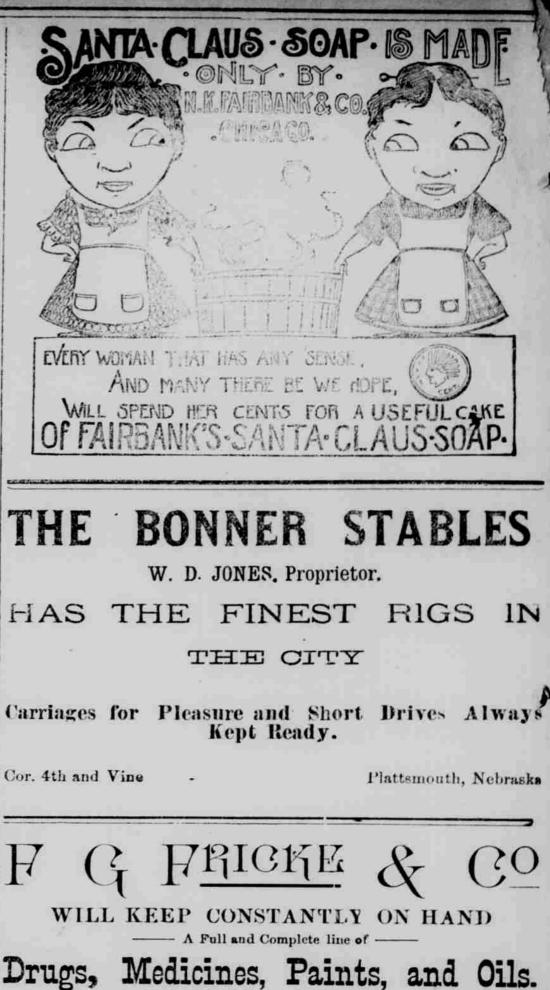
The credulity of the American people has often been imposed upon. The Locke "Moon Hoax" and the Cardiff giant have been followed by the modern "mind reader," who claims for himself powers of divination excelling anything that has been known since the time of Christ. Mind reading, in the sense in One copy, six monthf, in advance 75 which the word is used by those who pretend to possess the alleged power, may be defined as the transference of a thought-that is, a mental conception, or an idea-from the mind of one person to the mind of another, without the use of the known mediums of communication, which consist of the nerves of general sensation and those of special sense. Mind readers claim that this feat is possible. In opposition to such claims, THE Atlanta Constitution, in I submit that profane history contains speaking of a colored woman, uses no trustworthy account of its accomthe prefix "Mrs.," which provokes plishment. It never will be brought about so long as man remains constituted as he is at present. It is opposed to the principles of evolution and to all known facts of physiology. Notwithstanding new leap." It is time the News had turned a new leaf and learned some many believe that mind reading is one of other word than "huzzy" or "the the possibilities, even if it is not one of the actualities of life. But the belief, in every instance, is founded either on insufficient evidence or on faulty observation, or on a disposition to mistake the marvelous for the miraculous.

Many accounts of alleged mind reading are purely fictitious. Others are exaggerations of trivial incidents or misinterpretations of observed phenomena. taking advantage of the row created Others still are accounts of muscle reading. Those cases that do not belong to ment to force the abdication of the classes named are accomplished by King Carlos. So to save the mon- trickery.

NOT EVEN IN HYPNOTISM. If there were any conditions under which thought transference might occur they would seem to be supplied by hypnotism. In the hypnotic state the mind of one person exerts over the mind of another an influence that surpasses any-The anglo-mugwump press is thing with which we are acquainted under ordinary conditions. But the impossible cannot be accomplished even by the aid of hypnotism.

It must be born in mind that in the hypnotic state one's senses are intensely the fact that French free traders acute. That which ordinarily escapes have adopted a resolution offering the attention of the most careful observer their congratulations, "in the per- is quickly detected by the sharpened son of the eminent ex-President senses of the hypnotist. It is impossible Cleveland, to the free traders of the to make a motion that he does not see and interpret accurately. Thus, by virtue of his sharpened faculties, the hypnotist will sometimes divine, though he cannot "read" the thought of another.

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